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Landscape Assessment and Solar Regional Mitigation Strategy for three Solar Energy Zones in Colorado: Public Workshops

September 8-11, 2014

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is developing a Landscape Assessment and Solar Regional Mitigation Strategies for three solar energy zones (SEZs) in Colorado: Antonito Southeast, De Tilla Gulch, and Los Mogotes East. The BLM is developing solar regional mitigation strategies to identify potential impacts of solar development in SEZs and appropriate mitigation measures to address these impacts. The Landscape Assessment will characterize the natural and cultural environment of the region in support of the solar regional mitigation strategy process.

Solar regional mitigation strategy development will be a public, stakeholder driven process. To begin this process, the BLM will host field visits to the SEZs and public workshops during the week of September 8th. Field visits and local workshops are designed for local stakeholders with interest in specific SEZs (field visits will last from 1 to 2 hours). The September 10th all-day workshop will include discussion of potential impacts for all the SEZs and additional details on the Landscape Assessment and Solar Regional Mitigation processes. The schedule and locations for these meetings are as follows:

Monday, September 8: De Tilla Gulch SEZ:

Saguache County Road and Bridge Bldg, 305 3rd St., Saguache, CO 81149
3 PM: assemble for field visit; 4 – 6:30 PM: local workshop

Tuesday, September 9, Antonito Southeast SEZ

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, 305 W. 8th Ave., Antonito, CO 81120
9 AM: assemble for field visit; 4 – 6:30 PM: local workshop

Wednesday, September 10: All-Day Landscape Assessment/Solar Regional Mitigation Workshop for

Three Colorado Solar Energy Zones. 8:30 AM: Registration
Adams State University (Student Union Rm 309), First St and Monterey Ave,
Alamosa, CO 81102

Thursday, September 11, Los Mogotes East SEZ
Romeo Town Hall, 149 2nd Avenue, Romeo, CO 81148
9 AM: assemble for field visit; 4 – 6:30 PM: local workshop

If you are planning to attend any of these field visits or workshops please email your RSVP to solarmitigation@blm.gov. Please specify which events you plan to attend.

NOTE: PLEASE FILL OUT THE ATTACHED VOLUNTEER FORM AND EMAIL BACK WITH YOUR RSVP IF YOU WOULD LIKE GOVERNMENT VEHICLE TRANSPORTATION TO A SOLAR ENERGY ZONE.

A project website has been created that will serve as a source of information regarding the status of the project and opportunities for public participation. This website is available at <http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/slvfo/solar.html>.

For more information about this Landscape Assessment/Solar Regional Mitigation Strategy project contact Joe Vieira, Project Manager, BLM Colorado Renewable Energy Program, at 719-852-6213 or jvieira@blm.gov.